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SHORT COMMUNICATION

A contribution to the distribution of *Zicrona caerulea* (L.) (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae) in Scotland. – The small bright blue plant-bug, *Zicrona caerulea* (L.) is unlikely to be overlooked – or is it? Its distribution seems to be poorly documented. In spite of Southwood and Leston (1956, *Land and Water Bugs of the British Isles*) giving the distribution of *Z. caerulea* as “most areas of Britain”, and both Bedwell (*Entomologist's Monthly Magazine* 81 (1945), 253–273) and Masee (*ibid.* 91 (1955), 7–27) recording the species from “Scotland”, we can find only a single Scottish locality recorded in the literature *viz.* I. Patterson reported larvae on bramble near Ayton (VC81, Berwickshire), 14.viii.1961 (see McNeill, *History of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club* 36 (2) (1963[1964]), 175–183). In spite of this the National Museums of Scotland's collections contain a number of specimens from Scottish localities, namely:

- VC73 Gatehouse of Fleet, vi.1946 (D. E. McK. Kevan coll.)
 VC82 Garvald, 2.vii.1951 (A. Clarke coll.)
 VC83 Edinburgh, pre-1858 (R. K. Greville coll.)
 VC85 Kinross, 12.viii.1940 (D. E. McK. Kevan coll.)
 VC89 Kirkmichael, 16.viii.1937 (R. W. Brown coll.)
 VC90 Tarfside, 13.vi.1958 (T. Huxley coll.)
 VC96 Newtonmore, vi.1903 (J. E. Black coll.)

To these can be added further records by the authors, namely:

- VC79 Williamshope, 29.v.1994 (K.P.B.)
 VC86 Dunmore Moss, 3 & 4.viii.1982 (R.M.L.)
 VC89 Lower slopes of Beinn a'Ghlo, 29.vi.1986 (R.M.L.)

The species is thus widely distributed throughout the southern half of Scotland but is always very local. – K. P. BLAND, National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh EH1 1JF and R. M. LYSZKOWSKI, “Glenwood”, 57 Henderson Street, Bridge of Allan, Stirling FK9 4HG